

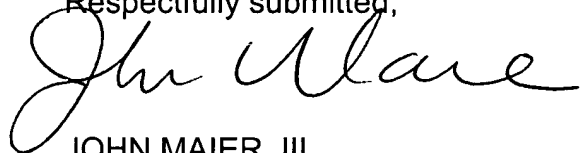
## REMARKS

The Examiner has raised formal objections which have been corrected. The term "semi-hard" has been eliminated and has also been reasonably defined. Clearly, the degree of hardness must permit rubbing on the teeth without being totally smeared on the teeth.

The art cited may refer to well-known ingredients in toothpaste by the claims have now been limited to include specific strengthening agents, flavorings and abrasive materials. The specific compositions as claimed by applicant are not specifically shown and the presence of an ingredient in one patent with other ingredients in another patent does not make a new distinctive combination, even if some of the same ingredients are used, obvious.

The application is now in condition for allowance which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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